

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **DRUG REGIMEN REVIEWS**

Function Category: ☒ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☐ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Assessment of Patients** Heading: **Practice Guidelines/Protocols/Parameters**

Key Word(s): **Drug Reviews**

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Purpose: The drug regimen reviews, which include Drug Administration Reviews and Clinical Drug Reviews, are performed at least monthly to identify any pharmacological irregularities in the patient's individual drug regimen. They also determine if policy, procedures, state and hospital protocols are being followed and actual medication administration is in agreement with the physician's orders.

- Brief Description:**
1. The Drug Regimen Review pharmacist will review patients' records, which include all drugs recently ordered, information concerning the patient's condition relating to drug therapy, medication administration records, physician's progress notes, nurse's notes and laboratory notes.
 2. The pharmacist makes a notation in the patient's chart that DRR was carried out, complete with date, DRR stamp, signature and title.
 3. The pharmacist prepares a written report of any irregularities on Drug Administration Review forms (to be forwarded to the unit supervisor, the coordinator of nursing services, the program director, and the pharmacy director), the Clinical Review forms (to be forwarded to the medical director, the ward physician, and to the pharmacy director), and the Non-compliance to the Drug Protocol forms (to be forwarded to the physician, the medical director and pharmacy director).
 4. The pharmacist submits a Quarterly Summary Statement to the Pharmacy Director.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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